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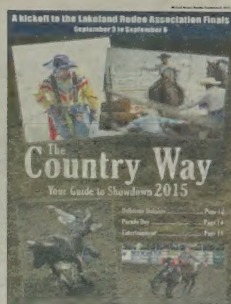
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## Early Deadline

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weekend,  
advertising deadline for  
the Sept. 8 issue will  
be 10 a.m. Wednesday,  
Sept. 2

## Summer fun

For young library  
patrons



The Country  
Way

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Vicki Brooker photo

**BUSHCRAFT 1792** - It was back to the ways of fur trade days at Fort George and Buckingham House Provincial Historic Site on Saturday, as the site hosted a brand new event, Bushcraft 1792. Friends of the Fort vice president Marjorie Scott fries bannock over an open fire while the site's program coordinator Ross Stromberg breathes life into a fire kindled with a bow drill. More photos, Pages 2 and 3

## Delayed start for subdivision's next phase

VICKI BROOKER  
Review Staff

Work on Phase 2A of the Centennial Residential Subdivision has been delayed for a month, with town council approving a request from the contractor to begin work in mid-September instead of mid-August. The change of date will be subject to written assurance that the cost of curb, gutter and pavement will not increase and that the completion of the work will be first on the company's list for next year's projects. Installation of water and sewer lines would take place this year. The delay would enable the town to pay for only the work completed in 2015, and could pay for the rest of the project as part of their 2016 budget.

### Invoice questioned

Town administration was contacted by an individual whose insurance company received an invoice from the town

for fire department rescue services required when her daughter's vehicle slid off an icy highway into a ditch filled with water. She questioned why the company had been billed for this service. Council directed the administration to respond and to include a copy of the document that explains why the fee was charged.

### Lot ownership

A lot left on the list of unpaid taxes for a number of years actually belongs to the town, CAO Ken Gwozdz told council at last week's meeting. Ownership of the lot, west of Elk Point Baptist Church and adjacent to an undeveloped street allowance, reverted to the town when the taxes were left unpaid. The lot is located next to the area slated for a future storm water retention pond and has the potential to become part of the project.

### Grants go to water reservoir

Council agreed to allocate the 2015

Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) capital funding, which includes the Basic Municipal Transportation grant, and the Federal Gas Tax grant, totaling \$524,935, toward the Water Reservoir facility.

### Direct deposit

Town of Elk Point employees may be receiving their wages by direct deposit in the future. Following the recent strategic planning sessions, council agreed to direct Gwozdz to proceed with setting up the process with their financial institution, a service Gwozdz said would be provided at no extra charge as it is part of their business package. He was also asked to check into the possibility of having a debit machine to facilitate utility payments.

### Community Futures

With Mayor Parrish Tung having served on the St. Paul – Smoky Lake Community Futures board for the maximum number of years, the town must

now appoint another representative. Council agreed that this would be done at the organization meeting in October.

### Cemetery bylaw

Coun. Lorne Young questioned why the town's cemetery bylaw, passed in 2010, permits a maximum of two burials per plot, being either one burial and one cremation, or two cremations, but only one monument. This matter has been tabled for further research.

### Applications rejected

Applications submitted for grants under the federal and provincial Small Communities Fund that would allow the town to build storm water collection ponds and enhance the drinking water distribution system have been declined. The Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs indicated that the program received a significant number of applications for the grants, which could not all be accommodated by the level of funding available.

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**OLD AND NEW WAYS** - Ross Stromberg coaches young visitor Tino Braga in the use of the bow drill to start a fire, above, while at right, Amber and John Brooker demonstrate newer technology in fire building.



**FINDING THE TRUE NORTH** - A Bushcraft 1792 visitor tries out her new knowledge of compass use, above; at left, John Brooker demonstrates how to find a location on the map using a compass.

**A WORK IN PROGRESS** - Ross Stromberg shows visitors a hide that is part way through the tanning process, but is yet to be softened and finished for use.



## Bushcraft 1792 offers

**VICKI BROOKER**  
Review Staff

The skills of fur trade days and their modern equivalent were the focus of Bushcraft 1792 at Fort George and Buckingham House Provincial Historic Site on Saturday, with guest presenters, forts staff and volunteers providing useful information on a variety of topics.

The afternoon started

with a fire making demonstration, with Cadet Amber Brooker and Training Officer John Brooker from the Mallaig Army Cadet corps on hand to demonstrate the correct way to build and ignite a fire. FGBH program coordinator Ross Stromberg followed up with a demonstration of one of the techniques popular back in the fur trade days, using a bow

drill and the friction it produced to create a live coal that could ignite tinder. He then offered visitors an opportunity to try this skill for themselves.

With a pair of fires burning merrily, Friends of the Forts volunteers mixed up bannock dough, with Marjorie Scott frying hers in a heavy kettle nestled in the coals of one fire, while visitors were





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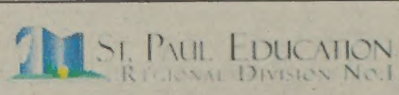
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**TEA WITH BILLIE** - Billie Milholland (second from right) shares her knowledge of wild plants and their uses. Many are suitable to brew up as refreshing and healing teas, she told visitors.

## high interest to a small crowd

invited to bake their own samples wrapped around a green tree branch and held over the coals of the other fire pit.

Then it was on to navigation, Amber explaining the use of a compass and the calculations necessary to determine the difference between magnetic north and true north, a factor which changes every year, and showing how to set the com-

pass to compensate for the change. She and her father then showed how to use the compass with a map to plot a route, in the way they use the equipment when setting up survival camps.

Navigation can be thirsty work, and Billie Milholland was on hand with a variety of wild teas, from Labrador Tea, which she said can be picked even in the winter,

kinnikinnick, high bush cranberries, yarrow and red clove. Many of the teas have medicinal uses or can be used as a tonic as well as a refreshing drink.

Harold Ross and other members of the Lakeland Industry and Community Association (LICA) had a fascinating display of mounted wildlife, furs and traps, with Harold also demonstrating a

birch bark moose call and talking about the various hides, their preparation and uses.

Stromberg's final session of the event was on tanning and preparing hides for use for everything from moccasins to teepee coverings, showing this latter use to the visitors as they wound up the afternoon with a tour of the interpretive centre.

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**DONE TO A TURN** - A visitor cooks bannock on a stick over a campfire.



**CALL TO THE WILD** - Harold Ross of Lakeland Industry and Community Association demonstrates a birch bark moose call, above, and talks about hunting and harvesting wild game and furs with an interested group of visitors.



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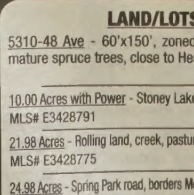


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EDITORIAL

# Back to books and routines

It's hard to believe that the summer holidays are already over, the children are back in school and we are all getting back into our normal routines,

That also means that all the clubs and organizations are starting up again after their summer hiatus, and are hopeful that their members are all set to get back to work on the various projects and activities.

Work has already begun to get the A. G. Ross Arena in shape for another season of hockey and figure skating, and will be holding their weekly work bees again. If you or your children are involved in activities at that popular facility, please go down on Monday nights and see what you can do to lighten the load these hardworking volunteers have on their to-do list.

Likewise, if your club or organization left a project partly completed or decisions left unmade when you shut down for summer, make sure you go back and help finish up the task, so the group can go on to new activities.

Not a member of any groups, or wondering what some of them are all about? Come to Information Night next Tuesday at the Arts and Leisure Centre, and see what they're all about and how to get involved.

## RECREATION CORNER

# Get informed and signed up!

JENA COLBOURNE  
Recreation Director

The kids are back in school! Hallelujah, I know mine were going stir crazy the last two weeks of summer, so I am very happy to be able to fill their days with something other than, "I'm bored!" Mind you, they may still be saying that with slumped shoulders and an eye - but that's their teachers' problem now! Ha-ha, I kid!

If you want to make sure your kids stay active, grow and learn... and never have to hear "I'm bored" again be sure to come out for Community Registration and Information Night, Tuesday, Sept. 8. Actually, I can't promise you'll never hear "I'm bored" again, but I can promise all of Elk Point's finest club, sports, and organizations will be on hand to answer questions and get you and your kids signed up for activities.

If you're part of a club, sport, or organization and you haven't received a registration form or information letter, please contact me ASAP at recreation@elkpoint.ca. Set up will be Sept. 8 from 4 to 6 p.m. and open to the public from 7 to 9 p.m.

More information on the crafters' bus trip will be available there, as well as, a sign up sheet. The bus trip will be Sept. 12, to Creative Stitches & Crafting Alive! This is western Canada's number one sewing and crafting event, showcasing sewing, scrapbooking, quilting, knitting, needlework, fibre arts, beading and paper crafting. There will be hands-on classes, educational seminars and free stage shows.

Surrounding community members are more than welcome to join the trip, which will depart from the AG Ross Arena at 7:00 a.m. sharp in Elk Point. The bus is able to stop in St. Paul if there is enough interest from community members there. Please book your spot early, pre-registration is required call 780-207-5898 or email recreation@elkpoint.ca



## Way Back When...

# Champions, contestants and Crusaders

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT. 1 IN...

### 1985

Jim Baylis waltzed away with a first place finish in the championship flight and a colour TV at the Second Annual Elk Point Oilmen's Golf Tournament, and said he was glad that the organizers had allowed local town people not involved in the oil industry to participate, adding, "It's really good for community relations." Town council passed a deadline prohibiting parking on 51 Street between Elk Point Elementary and F. G. Miller High Schools during school hours.

### 1990

Elk Point Golf and Country Club named their 1990 champions, with Pat Johnson winning the Ladies championship, Bill Milholland the Senior championship, Ernie Poitras the Men's championship, Curtis Porcina the Junior championship and Mark Woytkiw the 12 and Under championship. Pearl Bepalko won an Alberta Senior Games gold medal in golf on a challenging course in Hinton.

### 1995

Three local teens were headed for the Lakeland Rodeo Association's Showdown finals, C. J. Best in Novice Horse Riding, Erica Nielsen and Pamela Veer in Junior Barrel Racing. Town council was geared up to cope with new responsibilities, passing the appropriate bylaws required for the job as the province handed over the authority for development and subdivision of property to municipalities.

### 2000

Forts des Prairies Jamboree played to an enthusiastic packed house at the Fort George and Buckingham House Interpretive Centre after chilly winds forced the event and its 41 performers indoors. E-Can Oilfield

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Services, with its fleet of more than 135 trucks and employing 380 workers, was sold to Mullen Transportation Inc, western Canada's largest provider of specialized transportation and related services to the oil and gas industry.

### 2005



Twenty-five burgundy mortarboards sailed skyward as graduates of F. G. Miller High School closed the door on their high school years, with Jam Kozicky delivering the valedictory address and Valerie Friesen and Travis Lindquist passing on the Crusader sword to Class of 2006 students Amanda Poulin and Darby Brooker (shown above). Fort George and Buckingham House historic site rang with music as fingers flew over banjo strings and bows coaxed sweet music out of vintage fiddles at the Forts des Prairies Jamboree, with over 120 spectators on hand.

### 2010

Town council approved a trail beautification project after chamber of commerce president Sandy Smith came to their meeting with site maps and a wish list, asking for assistance in preparing the area around the EcoCentre for sod installation and installation of barricades to protect the solar array and wind turbine tower. Servus Credit Union staff, town council and other volunteers joined the Elk Point Spray Park committee to host an extremely successful outdoor movie night, with great cooperation from the weatherman.

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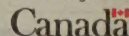
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**THE THEME WAS 'FUN'** - and the Elk Point Municipal Library Summer Reading Program gang had fun wherever they went. Above, Xzayven Pelech and Marcus Pankiw dressed up as bugs at the Whitney Lake Parks tour; top right, the gang checked out the furs at Fort George and Buckingham House; right, a visit with Constable Deroche at the RCMP detachment, and bottom right, storytime at the library with Cassandra Moores.

# Summer Reading Program another success

BY LIBRARY STAFF

Elk Point Municipal Library's Summer Reading Program was another success, thanks to Cassandra Moores, Hannah Ganske and Ryleigh Trotchie. Our program had two groups, Monday/Wednesdays and Tuesday/Thursday, each group having close to 25 kids.

We did many exciting activities at the library, along with a few field trips. One of our big events was when the Beaver Watershed Alliance came to the library and talked to the children about the environment we live in and all of the different animals in it.

On another day, we thoroughly enjoyed making the dessert called "Worms 'n' Dirt".

Using the Heritage Lodge van, we went to Fort George and Buckingham House for a visit. There we toured the building, then made and raced York boats, and played some other fur trading themed games.

On July 22 and 23 the children

experimented with tie dye to make wonderfully coloured shirts and pillowcases. On July 28, we had the pleasure of having puppeteer Joel Kafka come to entertain the kids. Sprinkles the clown, who was also a magician, came on July 29 and 30 and did some magic tricks for the kids. She also made some awesome balloon animals after the show was finished.

The Whitney Lake parks also got a visit from our Reading Program kids. There we learned about the bugs in our local ecosystem by catching, painting and acting like the bugs.

In the hot days of August, the kids had fun slipping and sliding down our homemade slip and slide. To end the Summer Reading Program off with a bang, we rented a bouncy castle. The staff needed many days to fill up hundreds of water balloons to play games and have our annual water balloon fight.

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Vicki Brooker photos

## Books, books and more books!

Elk Point Municipal Library is overflowing with books, some weeded from the shelves, others donated by patrons cleaning out their own collections. That's why each year at this time, the library hosts a gigantic book sale, which started last Thursday. Above, some young patrons check out the display, while below, library assistant Amy Bullock fits in a few more volumes.



# World Professional chuckwagon championship for Stampede winner

JENA COLBOURNE

Special to the Review

Coming off his first career World Professional Chuckwagon Association Championship win, Kurt Bensmiller is heading home to Dewberry, Alberta when an unfortunate flat gives the 32-year-old a chance to chat with me.

This season, Kurt secured a consecutive Calgary Stampede Championship and the coveted WPCA Championship title; you'd wonder what's next for the driver, "to do it again." Kurt, an ambitious person, says goals help him focus on what he needs to do. "A guy starts every year hoping he can reach half of the goals he sets. I was pretty close to getting all of mine." Outside of repeating the Ponoka Stampede win from 2014, Kurt was able to achieve all of the goals he set, which also included taking the win in Calgary and the World Champion title.

Kurt says he always knew he'd be a driver. "I outrode fairly young, but I hated it," Kurt says with the wit he's known for. "We all rode but, the brothers, David and Chance, they rode all the time. I stuck with a team, at 13 years old I started and stayed that way."

The drive and ambition Kurt is known for came when he was a little older; "When I got older I focused a little more on the little things, like Dad preached from the start- that's when I started to do better."

When Kurt speaks of his father, Buddy Bensmiller, it's always with a lot of admiration, this time no different. Buddy, known in the WPCA as the Dewberry Rocket, is a two-time World Champion and a three-time Calgary Stampede Champion, along with loads of other accolades and awards in the chuckwagon circuit.

Dewberry has an oversized, World's Largest Chuckwagon, in honour of Buddy and the ten other drivers who have hailed from the town. The town prides itself on being the Chuckwagon Capital of Alberta and have had street banners made with all eleven drivers from Dewberry recognized. The banners will be unveiled next month, September, at a wagon driver appreciation event when the town will also congratulate Kurt on his successes this season.

It's no wonder Kurt takes after his father's determination and drive to win. Kurt says he was fairly young when he realized his father and what he did was special and different from the normal family. "When we would leave for the whole summer and be gone," that's

how it sunk in that the other kids didn't do the same. "You'd have your hockey and school buddies and then you'd have your wagon buddies."

"It was special both ways," Kurt explains, "to be able to come back and see them every year in the summer or every year when you got back for hockey. It was a cool thing, because a lot of the kids their parents kept working and mine... well they kept working but in a different way, that allowed us all to be together."

All things equal Kurt says he's a wagon man, but he loves his hockey. Dewberry is known to grow some amazing hockey talent. Kurt spent last winter behind the bench coaching the Dewberry Mustang to the finals in the Sask-Alta Senior Men's Hockey League. Unsure what the winter holds for him as he awaits results from last year's shoulder surgery. With a sly-witty laugh he says he'll likely be coach again, "Probably, more than likely, I'll be behind the bench." You'll know it's Coach Kurt from his large black cowboy hat.

As much as Kurt is known for his humour, wit, and side smile, he's known for the black cowboy hat. Every race the hat's on top of his head, but by the end it's nowhere to be seen.

"When I come out, I dunno if I have a funny shaped head or what, but it always comes off," Kurt explains the missing hat phenomenon, "instead of losing it on the track, I just started throwing it in the box. The first second I'm safe, and not close to anybody - under control, I'll take it and put in the box." Well... that solves that!

Even with the WPCA season over, there's a lot left to do once the Bensmiller crew hits Dewberry. "Gotta make sure everything's ready before winter." No plans for a party at the big wagon yet, says Kurt with a laugh, "We'll see what happens. It's one of those things where you're excited and ready to party, but it's been a long summer, so guys are ready to get home and take a rest for a little bit."

He won't be putting his feet up in laying back in his Lazy Boy, "there's a lot of things to do and they (referring to his three daughters) are excited to see the horses and their toys outside."

There's a few poker charity tournaments to finish out the summer, so Kurt will only be home for a week or two before hitting the road again. Hopefully, the Champion will get some down time in there to appreciate everything he's accomplished this season.

## Season ends early at Fort George and Buckingham House

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Unfortunately, this past weekend was the end of the season for the Forts this year, Stromberg said.

"It's almost time for back to school...that's a big change! And it's a change for us too. As most of our seasonal

staff are post-secondary students, they've had to leave us to return to their studies. We're sad to see them go, but of course understand. As a result we will be losing our visitor services a few days early this year. Beginning Sunday, Aug. 30 we will no longer have staff

onsite or access to washrooms at Fort George and Buckingham House. But visitors are still welcome to come wander the site grounds and enjoy all the beauty our surroundings have to offer. Thank you all for a wonderful season, we will see you next year!"

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# LAKELAND RODEO FINALS



**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**  
**SEPTEMBER 1 - SEPTEMBER 6, 2015**

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## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

### NEW YEAR'S EVE FAMILY BENEFIT BBQ

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Senior Citizens Centre  
(Proceeds to St. Paul & Community Family Benefit)

### ST. PAUL'S GOT TALENT

St. Paul Co-op/97.7 The SPUR 6:00 pm, Senior Citizens Centre (4809-47 St) (Register at 780-645-4425)



## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

### BEEF-ON-A BUN

11 am - 2 pm - Servus Credit Union

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## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

### 19TH TOONIE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

7:00 am - 10:00 am, ATCO Electric  
5010-50 St. (Proceeds to Hayin' in the 30's)

### CHILI COOK-OFF

12:00 pm, Co-op Mall Parking Lot  
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### LRA SHOWDOWN 2015 - 1ST PERFORMANCE

Salute to the Troops (Red Day)

7:00 pm, Clancy Richard Arena (\$15/\$5 6-12)



## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

### TOONIE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

7:00 am - 10:00 am, Ideal Carpets & Interiors  
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### SOBEYS \$3 HOT DOG & POP

11:00 am - 3:00 pm, St. Paul Sobeys  
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### POTATO ROAST

11:30 am - 1:00 pm, Community Gardens Society- Reunion Station, \$5/plate & \$3/plate under 6  
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### \$3 PULLED PORK SUPPER

5:00 pm, Rec Centre  
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### LRA SHOWDOWN 2015 - 2ND PERFORMANCE

Tough Enough to Wear Pink (Cancer Support)

7:00 pm, Clancy Richard Arena (\$15/\$5 6-12)

Xtreme Oilfield & Crazy Horse Casings Wild Pony Race (Zarowny Motors)



## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

### FAMOUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

8:00 am, Co-op Mall  
(Donations to the St. Paul BMX & Skatepark Initiative)

### ST. PAUL & COMMUNITY FAMILY BENEFIT BBQ

9:30 am - 3:00 pm, Value Drug Mart Park  
(Proceeds to the New Year's Eve Benefit Dance)

### ST. PAUL RODEO QUARTER MILE

9:45 am, Girls & Boys under 9 (NEAT-645-5401)

### ST. PAUL RODEO MILE (14th Annual Race)

10:00 am (Presented by NEAT - 645-5401)

### PARADE (Assemble at soccer fields)

Theme: "International Day of Charity"

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### SPAN UKRAINIAN LUNCH

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12:00 noon, Rec Centre

### ANDRUKOW GROUP SOLUTIONS SOCIAL HOUSE

12:00 noon, Curling Rink  
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### LRA SHOWDOWN 2015 - 3RD - "KIDS DAY"

Stollery Children's Hospital Recognition (Purple)

1:00 pm, Clancy Richard Arena (\$15/\$3 6-12 yrs)

Xtreme Oilfield & Crazy Horse Casings Wild Pony Race (Zarowny Motors)

### \$3 BEEF-ON-A-BUN

5:00 pm, Rec Centre  
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### LRA SHOWDOWN 2015 - 4TH PERFORMANCE

Law Enforcement Appreciation (Blue Day)

7:00 pm, Clancy Richard Arena (\$15/\$5 6-12 yrs)

Xtreme Oilfield & Crazy Horse Casings Wild Pony Race (Zarowny Motors)

### BEERFEST

Music by Boomtown  
9:00 pm, Rec Centre Tkts \$15



## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

### COWBOY WORSHIP SERVICE

10:00 am, AG Corral Upstairs

### LRA SHOWDOWN 2015 - 5TH PERFORMANCE

Tribute to Lelf Pederson (Orange Day)

1:00 pm, Clancy Richard Arena (\$15/\$5 6-12 yrs)

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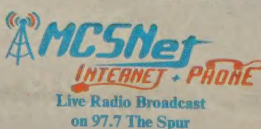
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RODEO TIME - Competitors from last year's LRA Finals are pictured competing.

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# LRA Finals and St. Paul make a great fit

QUINTON AMUNDSON  
Journal Staff

The home of the Lakeland Rodeo Association Finals for the 28th year in a row is the community of St. Paul.

According to the St. Paul Agricultural Society website, it was 1988 when Ag Society members Diane Bailey, Richard Gottenbos and Dorine Kuzma made the decision to bring the LRA finals to this community for five rodeo performances.

The rest, as the saying goes, is history.

"The Ag Society and the people of St. Paul deserve a lot of credit for making the LRA finals what it is," says LRA president Steve Friend. "They have helped make this into the best amateur rodeo event in the province."

"Our Ag Society does a tremendous job in working to enhance the rodeo experience every year," says Glenn Andersen, mayor of St. Paul.

Ray Suvak, the vice-president of the Ag Society, says it is the combined effort of 150 dedicated volun-

teers that has allowed the LRA Finals, and the other rodeo week activities, to flourish in St. Paul.

"We work hard to try and create a rodeo experience that has something for everybody," says Suvak. "We work hard to put on a variety of activities from the start of the rodeo to the end of it."

Friend agrees that a factor in the rodeo week's success is that it does have mass appeal.

"The people that like to watch saddle bronc can do so; the people that enjoy watching ladies barrel racing can come enjoy that, and for the people that don't like watching rodeo events, they can take part in the other activities."

Some of the non-rodeo events that have promise to be crowd-pleasers include the St. Paul's Got Talent show, taking place today, and the many family fun activities, along with the adults-only beerfest, taking place on Saturday.

The rodeo has proven to be a good event in bringing tourists into the community and Andersen gives the local business community credit for their part in making the event a success.

"I am always really proud with how our business community in St. Paul always puts their best foot forward during rodeo week," says the mayor.

"I have to give a big thank you to the community for its support of the rodeo," says Suvak. "The local businesses do a great job hosting different rodeo events throughout the week, promoting the rodeo ahead of time in their stores, and they get involved in the parade. Their support allows this rodeo to get bigger and better every year."

Suvak adds the rodeo competitors also deserve appreciation for their work.

"The quality of the competitors is the best of the best," says Suvak. "We host a show that is second to none."

Ag Society President Andre Chamberland gave a big thanks to all the volunteers and sponsors, saying, "Without you guys, this week would not be possible. The community is behind it 100 per cent."

He invited anyone who would like to volunteer to help the ag society out during the busy week to give him a call, at 780-614-7638.

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# Local faces prepare for Showdown 2015

JANICE HÜSER  
Journal Staff

Mixed in among the long list of competitors taking part in a variety of rodeo events during the Lakeland Rodeo Association Finals are four locals, each vying for the top spot in their respective category.

Although she hasn't been at the LRAs in St. Paul since she was a junior barrel racer, Caitlin Stark is back this year for her second showing at the finals. This year, she will ride with her horse Copper, who is currently away in Olds going through some physiotherapy for an injury that cropped up after the pair had a solid beginning to the season.

"I had a super good start to the season," says Stark. But Copper's injury resulted in a bit of a slowdown. "That set us back for a little while." The middle of the season showed some improvement, but Copper's injuries appeared to have come back near the end of the season.

Stark and Copper compete in both the LRA and Wildrose Rodeo Association. This means they are on the road often,



**LOCALS** - Local competitors Caitlin Stark (left) and Cody Smith (right) will be making appearances at the LRA finals. Pictured is Stark at the College Rodeo Finals and Smith competing at this year's Calgary Stampede.



File photos

taking part in two to four rodeos every weekend.

The County of St. Paul employee admits that balancing work and rodeo has been tricky, but Stark is thankful she has been able to do both.

Stark says she is looking forward to being able to perform at home. Attending the LRA finals is something she has done from a very young age, starting as a spectator with a goal to one day be a competitor.

"Ever since I was little, I always would go watch at least one performance," says Stark. "And I always wanted to compete there."

Also back at the LRA finals after not making an appearance for a few years is team roper Cory Dunlop. Although he hadn't totally quit roping, Dunlop hasn't made an LRA Finals appearance for at least four years.

With his 10-year-old daughter getting involved

in the rodeo circuit as a peewee barrel racer, Dunlop saw an opportunity to also get involved again. He says his season went well, with the team winning "a little bit every weekend."

Dunlop ropes alongside 16-year-old Dawson Graham from Wainwright. Dunlop says he has known Graham's family for a number of years, and Dunlop's brother, Casey, roped alongside Graham's

brother at last year's LRA Finals.

Dunlop says he is looking forward to competing in St. Paul, and always enjoys the LRA Finals.

"The town and community really get behind the finals, so it's nice to see."

Although he only participated in a handful of LRA rodeos this season, Cody Smith says he's learned a lot "and met so many good people, and...

had such a blast," in the past year.

"My season has been going really well," says Smith, a novice horse rider.

He says being in the finals is what all competitors aim for, and knowing he's among the best is a good feeling.

Dace Chisan, a bull rider from Two Hills, will also be making an appearance at the LRA finals.

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# Rodeo week offers a full plate of food

JANICE HUSER  
Journal Staff

There is a full menu of food ready to be eaten during rodeo week in St. Paul, starting with a barbecue tonight, and ending with beef on a bun on Sunday, with a variety of menus scattered in between.

Just before tonight's annual talent show, which will take place at the St. Paul Senior Citizens Centre, a barbecue will also take place, with proceeds from the event going toward the St. Paul & Community Family Benefit. Both the St. Paul Co-op and the Spur are organizing the event.

On Wednesday, a beef on a bun will be held at the Servus Credit Union over lunch. Along with food, entertainment by Clarence Smith, Ed Noel, Edmond Noel, Russ Kowtun, and Harry Mynzak will also be served up. Proceeds from this meal will be directed to Haying in the 30s.

Thursday offers two meals, first, a pancake breakfast hosted by ATCO that runs from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m., at ATCO Electric's office. Money raised will again go to Haying in the 30's.

And if you're hungry for lunch, you may want to arrive early to get your pick of chili at the annual chili cook-off in the Co-op mall parking lot. The event is a rodeo week staple in St. Paul, and attracts hundreds of people every year.

"We always shoot for more attendance every year," says Janelle Faryna, marketing supervisor at the St. Paul Co-op. "Out of all the events that we host that week, the chili cook-off is by far my favourite."

She says the event is a lot of fun, and will feature many returning teams, along



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**A BOWL FULL OF GOODNESS** - The chili cook-off at the Co-op Mall is one of the most popular food-related events in St. Paul over rodeo week, attracting hundreds of people and over a dozen teams.

with a few new teams. About a dozen teams will face off against each other in a competition that will determine who can make the best chili.

Rather than charging a flat rate for the meal, those who decide to stop by and enjoy a bowl of chili will be asked to donate to the St. Paul Light Horse Club. Last year, the event was very successful in terms of the amount of money raised.

Faryna describes the event as a fun, community-building afternoon.

On Friday, there will be a number of ways to fill your belly. A pancake breakfast starts off the day at Ideal Carpets from 7 to 10 a.m., raising funds for the St. Paul BMX & Skatepark

Initiative. Lunch will be served at a hot dog and pop sale at Sobeys, with funds being raised for the MS Society, and a larger meal featuring potatoes, beef, salads and drinks will be served at the Community Garden Society Potato Roast.

The potato roast has become another popular event during rodeo week, picking up steam and attracting more people every year.

"The community is great about supporting all these rodeo events," says Sheila Parks, one of the organizers with the potato roast. She says the meal will feature a full plate of food for just \$5 for adults, and \$3 for kids.

Any extra money raised by the meal

goes back to the Community Garden Society.

"We're all about building awareness," says Parks when speaking about why the group hosts the event every year, adding, "What's not to like?" The meal also offers a venue for people to see old friends and make new ones, says Parks. The potato roast is being held at Reunion Station, and organizers are expecting about 400 people to attend.

The County of St. Paul will host supper at the Rec. Centre. Pulled pork will be served up at 5 p.m., with proceeds from this meal going to the St. Lina 4-H Club.

On Saturday, the Co-op will host its Famous Pancake Breakfast, which will not only serve up pancakes, but all the extras too, like whipped cream, fruit toppings, and made-in-store sausages. This event raises funds for the St. Paul BMX & Skatepark Initiative.

Faryna says adding the special toppings and in-store sausages were a big hit last year, and she promises that this year, organizers will not run out of the tasty supplies.

"We've kind of taken it up a notch," says Faryna, when speaking of the pancake breakfast. Last year, close to 1,000 people were served on the Saturday morning.

"Every year we want to see more and more people come out," she says.

The St. Paul & Community Family Benefit group will host a barbecue from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in town, and a SPAN Ukrainian Lunch will take place at the Rec. Centre at noon. The Town of St. Paul will close out the day of food with beef on a bun at 5 p.m., also at the Rec. Centre.

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# Leif's legacy lives on during rodeo

JANANI WHITFIELD  
Journal Staff

While the entertainment is front and centre at the rodeo, each performance tells a deeper story and pays tribute to the people that are the beating heart of the local community.

Sunday afternoon's rodeo performance pays tribute to Leif Pederson, a young man whose life was cut short at the age of 25, with attendees and performers asked to wear orange during the event.

"The ag society kind of adopted orange because that was Leif's favourite colour. And we did that out of respect of the young man he was," said Andre Chamberland, president of the St. Paul & District Ag Society. That Sunday, on Sept. 6, will be the four-year anniversary of Leif's death.

Brian Pederson, Leif's father, has been in the ag society for more than 20 years, and in that time, has helped out with the Lakeland Rodeo Association finals and the high school rodeo, lending a hand with loading stock.

And as soon as his son Leif was old enough and big enough to get on a gate and jump out of the way, around the age of 12 or 13, he was right up alongside his dad.

"Last four or five years, he could have taken the position and done the job better than me," Pederson recalled fondly of that time spent together as father and son. "It was kind of an honour - he could do it all. To work with him was like working with a professional,



AG SOCIETY MEMBER  
LEIF PEDERSON

experienced worker. He worked hard. If he ever caught me watching the rodeo - he would shout at me, 'We're not here to watch! We're here to work!'"

In that September of 2011, Leif was right there as usual alongside his dad, helping with the LRA, the last thing they did together as a father and son.

Pederson said his son spent the night of the rodeo with his family, but the next morning, he went to help move his fiancée's things to the city, as she was attending university there.

"He said goodbye to us on Sept. 6 and gave us a hug and said 'I love you.' And that was the last time we spoke to him," said Pederson.

During the journey, Leif was involved in a single vehicle rollover and was killed.

"We were very, very fond of Leif, he was an upcoming young man," said Chamberland, who notes how proud they were of his accomplishments until a "tragic incident brought that all to an end."

And yet, each year, Pederson comes back to the rodeo, ready to help out, even though at first, Chamberland notes, it was tough to come back without his son.

"He got through that, and he's still doing it because of the support of the community behind him."

Pederson says the rodeo's gesture of paying tribute to Leif resonates with his family, and that when he sees that sea of orange, he can see how much the LRA and Ag Society respected his son and what he did.

"They'll never know how much that helps in the healing process," he said, his voice thick with emotion. "It's unbelievable the lives he had touched. They still miss him as much as we do."

And while his son is no longer alive, every rodeo, when Pederson hops up on the gate, he feels his presence.

"He always had my back when he was here and he still has my back even when he's not here."

"He's with us. He's with us every year."

## Tribute nights

Andre Chamberland, president of the St. Paul & District Ag Society, said that every year, the Ag Society and the Lakeland Rodeo Association collaborate to come up with tributes to people and events.

This year, on Thursday night, people are encouraged to wear red in recognition of the work of armed forces, while on Friday night, people are encouraged to wear pink for breast cancer, a cause the rodeo association has always supported, according to Chamberland.

On Saturday afternoon, the colour is purple, in honour of the Stollery Children's Hospital.

"The Stollery just came up this year because there's a lot of young people that end up in this hospital. We're very lucky to have a great hospital that helps out our young people," said Chamberland.

Then later on that night, people are asked to wear blue in support of the RCMP.

"St. Paul over the years has quite a few tragic moments unfold and we just thought it would be a good way to say thank you to our RCMP," he said.

Sunday's performance will end with the tribute to Leif Pederson, who contributed and helped out with the rodeo up until his death in 2011 at the age of 25. People are encouraged to wear orange in honour of Leif, as it was his favourite colour.

Chamberland invited everyone to come down to town to check out the rodeo action and all the surrounding festivities, from the parade, the pancake breakfast, the beef on a bun, and more.

"I would love to say everybody come out and have fun, and support a great little rodeo that doesn't take a backseat to anyone," he said. "Best little rodeo around for an amateur finals."

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# Parade a headliner of rodeo week

*People encouraged to give back for food drives during parade event*

**QUINTON AMUNDSON**  
Journal Staff

Speak to just a few people and a common theme emerges: that the Rodeo Parade — scheduled to take place on Sept. 5 at 10 a.m. — is one of the features that make it a special week.

"It is one of the biggest rodeo parades in Alberta," says Steve Friend, the president of the Lakeland Rodeo Association. "It's always a really fun time."

"The parade absolutely is a highlight," says Ray Suvak, the vice-president of the St. Paul Agricultural Society. "It is always really great to see more and more people lining up in the alleys to watch the parade."

This year's parade route is two miles in length. The assembly area for floats at the start of the parade is at the St. Paul soccer fields; the end location of the parade is by the recreation center.

This year's parade theme honours the International Day of Charity, which coincides with the United Nations' day of recognition of charities around the world, that falls on Sept. 5.

The theme float category for the 2015 Rodeo Parade contest will see different floats be judged upon which one's main display depicts the chosen theme the best.

Penny Fox, an organizer of the parade, says the parade rules and guidelines are similar to last year. One of the rules that parade participants should do well to remember is to not throw candy from floats. The people that want to distribute candy should have people walking alongside the float to deliver the treats.

The deadline to register in the parade is Thursday. The parade manual and registration package can be accessed on the St. Paul & District Chamber of Commerce website, or the St. Paul Ag Society website. The manual contains information on how you can submit your entry.

The St. Paul & District Food Bank and New Beginning Law will once again be using the parade



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**TREATS FROM A HORSE** - Despite being mounted on horseback, this participant still abided by the rule to hand out candy instead of throwing it to the children lining the streets of St. Paul.

as a major fundraising event.

## Food drives

There will be individuals walking alongside the food bank's parade float with baskets to collect monetary donations in order to support the non-profit organization.

David Robinson, the vice-chair of the food bank, recently told the *Journal* that there has been a "50 per cent increase people using the food bank this year, compared to last year."

He attributes this steep increase in demand due to the downturn in the Alberta economy. He says any donations from people attending the parade would be greatly appreciated and he says the "money will go to good use."

Robinson says some of the funds from donations go towards the purchasing of essential items such as

sugar, flour and canned food items.

Last year, a total of about \$2,900 was raised through this fundraiser. Robinson says the goal is to collect between \$3,500 and \$4,000.

## New Beginning Law

It was the sight of children carrying bags at the St. Paul Rodeo parade that gave Renée Moore of New Beginning Law the inspiration to introduce a major community food drive to the parade proceedings.

"I was quite taken aback with how the kids were so excited to run and get candy and have all kinds of fun, which was excellent. I thought, 'How about if they brought food in those bags to help out our community?' I then did some chatting and visiting and I found out that the women's shelter (Columbus House of Hope) was an organization that could use some extra healthy lunchable items."

Moore said that this endeavour was successful with many people either bringing items with them to the parade, or dropping food items off at the Co-op. There were some donators that went to purchase non-perishable food items at the Co-op and they left those items behind to support this effort.

"We were really amazed with the response from the community, especially considering it was a first-time event that has not really been done at parades in other communities."

Once again the Co-op will be assisting in this food drive to support the Columbus House of Hope. ATB Financial and 97.7 the Spur will be doing so as well. If you can't make it to the parade, you can drop off your food donation at the Co-op, ATB Financial or at New Beginning Law.

There will be over a dozen volunteers dressed up as either cowboys/cowgirls or barnyard animals that will be walking the streets to collect food donations during the parade. Moore encourages people to wait for volunteers to come to them in the crowd instead of opting to run towards the float.

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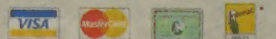
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**SHOWDOWN BOUND** - New Zealand cowboy Ben Lees, shown at Stoney Lake Rodeo, is headed to Showdown in the Saddle Bronc competition.

## The road to Showdown

**VICKI BROOKER**  
Journal Staff

It's been a long, hard road to the Showdown Finals for competitors in the Lakeland Rodeo Association's Showdown Finals, with the season stretching out from the season opener on the May 29 weekend in Tofield to last qualifying shows on Aug. 16 in Two Hills and Kikino.

The rodeo road led them to 23 rodeos across Alberta from Hinton and Stony Plain to Delburne and Gooseberry Lake, and even as far east as Meadow Lake, Sask. as they added up the winnings that would determine who would qualify to compete for the 2015 championships.

The top 10 contestants in each of the senior events, as determined by adding up one point for each dollar of their season's winnings, along with the top six junior barrel racers and junior steer

riders and the top four novice horse riders, peewee barrel racers and junior bull riders are eligible to compete at Showdown.

The weekend will also see the presentation of high point and runner-up awards, based on the season's standings, and the horses and rough stock that got them there also will be recognized. The finals competitors in tie-down roping, steer wrestling, team roping and barrel racing will vote on the horse of the year in their events, and finalists in saddle bronc, bareback and bull riding will have the opportunity prior to the finals to vote on the stock of the year in their event, with those animals nominated near the end of the season. At the conclusion of the final performance, the stock contractors will be the judges who determine the awards for the rough stock of the finals.

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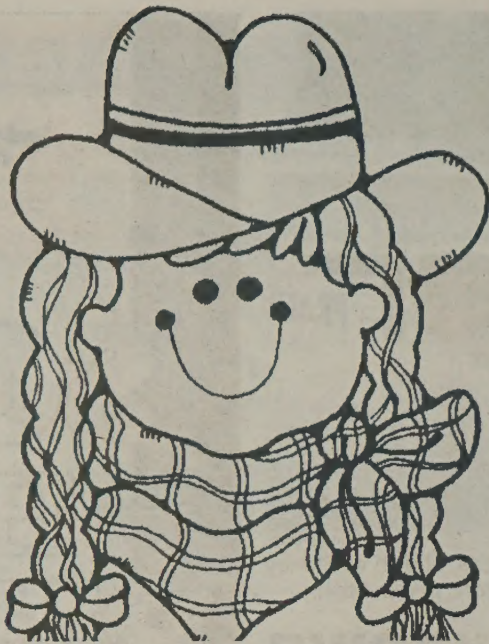
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# Parade Etiquette 101

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ABBY KEYES

People are always asking me what should I wear or bring; is it okay to make eye contact? I know that parades can be a scary thing for some so I compiled a list to make your parade experience the best you have ever had. After all, let's face it, everyone loves a parade (and if you don't, you have no soul).

1 - Get there early. Not only does it offer the benefit of getting a good spot, whether it is in the shade, at the beginning or at the end. But, you also get a chance to scout out the competition. Move away from those with nimble fingers, from athletic looking teenagers and families that have beautiful children. That calibre of opposition will destroy you.

2 - If you come late, don't be one of those chumps who come less than one minute to start time and then park their family in front of others: not cool. Be gracious and just go to the grocery store to load up on candy.

3 - If diabetes runs in your family, abstain from candy. Or if you have excess duct tape lying around your house, get a neighbour to secure your

arms behind your back and have them accompany you to the event.

4 - Get to know those riding on/in the floats. People love to throw candy at a friendly face. Yes, literally candy thrown right between the eyes. Accept that on parade day you are a proud Goliath. Be careful, if you are sitting near the participant's family members, chances are they are going to throw the candy at them and you're going to miss out. Note: If the parade is in a small town everyone is related so no worries.

5 - Starting the week prior to the big event, lead your family in arm exercises. You don't want to have your arm cramp up half way through the parade from all of that waving. How embarrassing!

6 - Be prepared; be overly prepared. Pack lawn chairs, re-useable bags for the 10 tonnes of loot, water bottles, blankets, tarps, umbrellas, tents, and taser guns to deal with the enviable meltdown your child (to use on yourself of course!).

7 - Wear protection . . . from the sun. Sun glasses, sunscreen, hats, heck even a helmet might

be needed as it literally hails candy on your fragile skull. You can walk away with pelts worse than paintball guns. So be safe my friends.

8 - In the days preceding the big parade, you must build up your sugar tolerance level in order to survive. When you wake up pop in some candies with your morning pills, substitute lunch meat with fruit roll-ups and supper with a hearty course of dessert... followed by dessert. Also, in the future, be open to the idea of having a pancreas transplant, science is getting close.

9 - Have a backup plan if horse poop/excrements decide to rain on your parade. Come with a code word that everyone in your family will remember. Make sure everyone agrees on shouting it on the first sign of animal discomfort

10 - Over the space of weeks or days of consuming your hard earned candy, make sure you have the name of a good dentist handy.

Abby Keyes is a resident of St. Paul who writes a humour blog at <http://keyeschronicles.blogspot.ca/>

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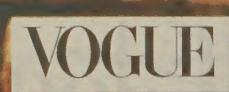
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# Music adds bounce to step for rodeo week

JANANI WHITFIELD  
Journal Staff



**SMOOTH TUNES** - Local band Boomtown performs at an Aug. 26 street dance party in downtown St. Paul. The band will be performing at this year's rodeo beefest.



**MUSIC** - Clarence Smith and friends perform at the Servus Credit Union at a past rodeo week event. The group will be back again this year to provide entertainment during the Beef on a Bun event.

Along with the food and drink flowing, the talents of St. Paul's musicians are sure to get audience's blood pumping, toes tapping and add some extra liveliness to this year's rodeo week.

The music kicks off tonight with performances by vocalists at the St. Paul's Got Talent Show, hosted by the St. Paul Co-op and 97.7 The Spur, which takes place tonight at 6 p.m. at the Senior Citizens' Club.

Then tomorrow, on Sept. 2, Servus Credit Union will be hosting its Beef on a Bun from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., while people are regaled by the talents of Clarence Smith, Ed Noel, Edmond Noel, Russ Kowtun, and Harry Mynzak performing country classics.

"People enjoy it, they love to listen - even a couple get up to dance," says Sandra Yuschyshyn, assistant branch manager at Servus Credit Union.

Since all the proceeds from the event go towards Haying in the 30s, the group of male musicians volunteer for the event, and she notes those efforts make for "wonderful volunteers" who do a great job of entertaining the crowd.

"Their pay is all the burgers they can eat," she says with a chuckle.

The group has got together and played for the Servus Credit Union before, and Yuschyshyn notes that the music brings a different dimension to the week's activities.

"It just gives extra spirit to everyone. Having music gives everybody an extra little skip in their step."

All the music leads up to Saturday night's chock-a-block day of activities, which include the rodeo, the rodeo parade, family fun activities at the Curling Rink which will also include live music with Andrew Scott, and of course, Saturday night's Beerfest with local band Boomtown.

## Boomtown

Last year, Boomtown played the first half of the Beerfest before the Side Guys took the stage, but this year, they will be performing their brand of up-tempo country and rock for the whole set, which kicks off at 9 p.m. and runs until 2 a.m.

The band mostly plays popular covers, including Sweet Home Alabama, which they used to close out their last set at the Aug. 26 St. Paul street dance, along with tried and tested crowd favourites like Sweet Caroline and Dust on the Bottle.

"That's one we can't get rid of, because everyone always requests it," says Lock with a rueful grin of the latter.

The band has been playing two and a half years, and they note they have been getting really busy with gigs, which they're pleased to see, since "it means people like us," explains Noel.

As locals, the group members are used to attending the rodeo beefest, but they look forward to playing for the crowd rather than having a few drinks and socializing.

"And we feel better in the morning," jokes Lock.

That said, they invite everyone to come on out, come early, "and buy us a drink!" says Noel, who promises those attending "a helluva good time."

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# Rodeo mile encourages active lifestyles

QUINTON AMUNDSON  
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Preceding the Saturday morning rodeo parade on Sept. 5 is the 14th St. Paul Rodeo Mile, which is hosted by the Northeast Athletic Track Club (NEAT).

"This is really a great event for all ages that we always have fun doing," said NEAT head coach Reg Green to the *Journal* back in August. "It does a good job promoting an active lifestyle."

The one-mile race, or quarter-mile for kids that are nine and under, takes place on main street and finishes just before the rodeo parade starts.

Each runner participating in the race will be chip-timed. Top finishers will be given cash awards, with additional cash prizes being doled out to athletes that

are able to break race records. Every kid taking part in the quarter mile race will be given a finishing ribbon to reward his or her efforts. The top kid finishers will be gifted with medals.

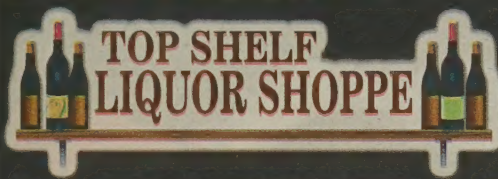
Last year's fastest mile was completed by Brandon Vail in the midget category, who finished at 5:09.45, which fell just short of the midget record holder's Isaac Penner's 5.01 time.

A registration session for the race is being hosted at the Super 8 Motel on Friday from 5 to 8 p.m.

Participants are also able to register for the race until one hour before the race begins, with the starting gun for the mile going off at 9 a.m. A registration tent will be set up near the race starting position, which is the intersection near Smyl Motors.



**RACERS** - While some run competitively, others run the rodeo mile for fun, as this family of runners demonstrated last year. This year's rodeo mile is again welcome to all and takes place on Sept. 5.



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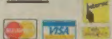
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# County and Town FCSS movie nights prove a successful endeavour

**QUINTON AMUNDSON**  
*Review Contributor*

The County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS's "Blast from the Past Drive in Movie Night" wrapped up this weekend in Elk Point. The project of taking movies to area communities has been seen as a success by organizers.

"We have been really happy with how people have responded to these movie nights," says Claudette Webber,

an assistant with the FCSS. "The one we did at Cork Hall drew 100 people. That is amazing."

A total of nine movie nights were scheduled this summer. The first one was held in Boscombe on July 24. The last one was presented in Elk Point on Friday night north of the community's arena, with a good crowd on hand and the weather co-operating nicely.

The Ashmont movie night on Aug. 15 was not completed due to heavy

rainfall.

Webber says the FCSS set this program up as a way "to give families in the area a fun night out."

The movies were all family-oriented. Among the films that were featured included Homeward Bound, Monsters, Inc., UP, The Blind Side and Wall-E. The Elk Point audience enjoyed Mall Cop 2

There was no charge to attend these outdoor movie screenings. Free popcorn

and prizes were handed out too. In Elk Point, the Recreation Department handed out free soft drinks and water as well

All people had to bring were their own lawn chairs or sleeping bags.

The program had been so well received that the FCSS is planning on bringing the program back for 2016. The plan is to screen the movies earlier in the summer when the weather is a bit warmer.



## Healthcare Auxiliary donates toward beautification



Elk Point Healthcare Centre Auxiliary president Bernice Capjack recently presented \$250 cheques to Heritage Lodge, accepted by Loris Kozina, left, and Parkview Extended Care, accepted by Terri White, right, to defray the cost of flowers for the planters at the facilities. The Auxiliary also made a \$500 donation to Haying in the 30s.

Photos submitted



## Walk, program scheduled for Grandparents' Day, Sept 13.

VICKI BROOKER  
Review Staff

Elk Point and surrounding communities are once again gearing up to celebrate Grandparents' Day on Sunday, Sept. 13, with a fundraising walk, a program and prizes.

The multi-generational walk around downtown Elk Point, slated for 2 p.m., begins and ends at the Elk Point Seniors' Recreation Centre, with pledge sheets for participants available at both drug stores, the Elk Point Co-op, Home Town Grocers and the FCSS office.

This year's proceeds from the pledges will be used to assist local charities, divided between the Seniors' Centre, the operation of the Handi Bus and the Elk Point schools' breakfast program. The names of participants who collect \$100 or more in pledges will be entered in a draw to win two dinner theatre tickets.

Following the walk, coffee and cake will be served and everyone will enjoy a program of fun and games for the whole family, including live music and the presentation of awards to the winners of Elk Point Elementary School's annual Grandparents Day contest.

Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate the importance of grandparents at this very special afternoon event.

## Whooping cough outbreak declared in North Zone

### STAFF WRITERS

A whooping cough outbreak in the North Zone of the province has been declared by Alberta Health Services, as of last week.

On Wednesday, AHS released information stating there were a number of confirmed cases of whooping cough, also known as pertussis, across Alberta. The provincial health care body encouraged people to get immunized against the illness.

"Immunization is available by appointment at public health and community health centres across the zone," says an AHS media release.

"Pertussis is a bacterial infection that causes severe coughing that lasts for weeks and can lead to pneumonia, convulsions, brain damage and even death."

Babies six months and younger

are at greatest risk for serious complications.

This year, there have been 182 confirmed cases of whooping cough in the North Zone. Three have required hospitalization. About half of all confirmed pertussis cases in the province are from the North Zone.

Although pertussis can be treated when it's caught early, immunization can safely prevent the disease, or reduce the severity and spread of the illness, according to AHS.

The whooping cough immunization is offered free of charge in Alberta and is part of the routine immunization childhood program. Doses are given at two months of age, four months, six months, and 18 months, then again when children are four to six years old. A final dose is given in Grade 9. An additional dose can also be given in

adulthood.

AHS is recommending high-risk North Zone residents follow a number of precautions, such as immunizing children and babies, and ensuring caregivers are also immunized. Women who are more than 26 weeks pregnant can also be immunized, which increases protection for newborn babies by reducing the risk of infection in those around them, and the immunization also transfers antibodies during pregnancy.

Anyone who suspects they, or a family member, is sick with whooping cough should call family doctor or contact Health Link before seeking medical care. When prescribed treatment, those diagnosed with pertussis should stay home from work, school and child care until five days of antibiotics have been completed.

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# Sept. 1 already? Where did summer go?

September 1! Where has the summer is gone, what have you done? Seems like summer just slipped away and I never even noticed until today. I figured it's about time I sat down on a Sunday night and typed some sports for you.

Ball season was over for us at the end of July, but I stayed very busy doing other thing all of August, camping, the horticulture fair, Oilmen's golf tournament, a wedding, plus doing all the chores at home I don't get done when I'm off practicing or traveling with the ball team.

About the same time that our minor ball season ended, the Blue Jays started to make some trades and things got really interesting. Down by six games at one point, they now lead the American League east by a game and a half over the Yankees. In fact it would be safe to say the whole country is following them now, they're turning into a real power house of a team and unless they go into a slump, which doesn't seem possible, the Jays should playing in October for the first time in over 20 years. October is going to be a great month, the Blue Jays make the playoffs and the Oilers regular season starts too. The Oilers will be exciting enough to watch with the new kid Konnor Mc David in the lineup and all the hype over him, but what about our very own home town boy, Mark "the Marksman"



Letestu? He will be in the lineup as well; it's really going to be hard to get anything done at night in October, flipping channels back and forth between a baseball game and a hockey game.

Edmonton management has the "Marksman" slated to play center on the fourth line, but here's my theory. The "Marksman" is the type of player who can play anywhere and won't hurt you. He will bring experience into the dressing room. He was an assistant captain with the Blue Jackets so it would be a smart move if they were to make him an assistant in Edmonton. He's one of the league's best at winning face offs. He can kill penalties so they're always going to need guys in those departments. He can fill in at center or wing whenever they need him to and usually before too long, someone will get injured on one of the top two lines, so before you know it, he will be skating with the young super stars. And don't you worry about the expectation of performing in his home town, some of the best games I ever seen him play were when he was under pressure to win and he performed like a true champion. Everywhere he has played, the "Marksman" has made his Mark, so Mark my words, he will do it again and hopefully in two or three years we will be parading down main street Elk Point on Canada Day with the

Stanley Cup ..... of course I get to drive the car!! And before that the Blue Jays parade down Younge Street after winning the World Series.....and then the Leafs win the cup next year too!!! Now that's a bit of a stretch, but I am a true blue Be-Leafer!!!!!!

What about our minor hockey in our arena? Our goal is to be skating on October 1; but as usual, we have some things that need attention first. We need to repair some leaks in the Zamboni room roof, it's an old, flat roof made of tar and gravel and leaks like a sieve when it rains, the boiler to heat water for the Zamboni needs a new exchanger, it leaks all over the place too, we have some heater problems in the stands, they don't heat at one end and are as hot as Mexico in the other end, the sound system works but doesn't sound so good all the time and some lights are out and should be replaced with new energy efficient ones. The list goes on and on, but it needs your help to get done, so if you can find the time, the work bees will be happening all of September.

And a big happy anniversary going out today to our editor of the Review and her husband, Vicki and Don Brooker.

Now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week. "Do your best when no one is looking. If you do that, then you can be successful in anything that you put your mind to."

## Doug Irvine closes out the WPCA season with a win at Rocky Mountain House

JENA COLBOURNE  
Special to the Review

Doug Irvine, the Story from LaCorey, as he's affectionately dubbed on the Chuckwagon circuit, closed the World Professional Chuckwagon Association season with a huge win in Rocky Mountain House at the Battle of the Rockies.

There's no slowing down for Doug, who straight off his win was waiting for the B&R Eckels office in Bonnyville to open so he could go in and see long-time sponsor (and off-season boss) Victor Ringuette. You'd think he'd want to slow down and enjoy the win before letting the boss know he was back in town, but as a wagon driver slowing down isn't in Doug's repertoire.

Doug says the fans helped cheer him to victory at Rocky Mountain House. "We had a great cheering section, a lot of fans made the trip." Of those fans, Doug's parents, Morris and Faye, surprised him at that track, "I didn't even know they were there until after I raced."

Irvine's parents live in Lindbergh, in the family home where Doug was raised. Doug, the youngest of seven children, went to school in Elk Point and now lives outside of Iron River where he and his wife, Jimmi Lou raise their three children, Britton, Dacia and Maddi Jo. During the off-season he drives truck for B&R, as well as, farms his own land, raises horses, and helps B&R's president and owner, Victor Ringuette with his farming.

Doug has had success in Rocky Mountain House in the past, placing second last year, which was his best finish for the 2014 season that also saw him have seven top-10 finishes. Doug claims the number four barrel has held a lot of luck in the 2015 season. "The outfit really flies off that barrel, I don't know what it is. Every big run I've had this year has been off the four." One the WPCA circuit, each day leading into a race the drivers draw barrels, so that it will be even for all throughout the races. When Doug pulled the four barrel, he knew he had it. "We felt confident going in."

Winning the Battle of the Rockies scores Doug

a commemorative belt buckle and a \$5,000 purse. Money he'll use to purchase a few new horses, says the driver. "We're going to an auction in West Virginia." The driver will take the whole family on the trip at the beginning of September with his eye on a few horses. "I've got some trainers down there." Doug explains he's already purchased two horses off the trainers' advice, as for the rest, "we'll try to finish off the load when we get there."

Buying horses and keeping up with the training is crucial to staying high in the standings for next season, explains Doug. "We'll buy some new ones that are fast, hopefully, and then we build on what we got." As for the upcoming season, Doug says he likes to make goals, but good luck getting them out of the driver: "I set goals, but I like to keep those to myself."

The driver contributes his great season, which landed him in 11th position for the season-end, to all the support he receives. "Thanks to the fan-base in Bonnyville for all the support I get out here, it's great to be from here."

## Home security tips for your family's after-school safety

### INFORMATION SUBMITTED

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#### Stay in touch

Ask your children to check in as soon as they arrive home or leave the house. Staying connected, despite the distance, ensures that you know their

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#### Have a routine

When your child comes home, make sure they turn on the lights and make it look like someone is home. Burglars like unoccupied homes so if they see that someone is around they are more likely to move along.

It's also important to talk to your children in advance about what to do when the phone rings or if someone comes to the door.

#### Lock up items not friendly for kids

Make sure chemicals, cleaners, tools, razor blades and other items not kid-

friendly are not left out in the open or get locked away. Consider using a padlock to lock up these dangerous objects, or to keep your valuables safe from unwelcome home visitors. The padlocks are bump proof and pick resistant, protect against pry and hammer attacks as well as sawing and cutting so when no one is home, the items will remain safely locked up and secure.

#### Keep kids connected

Post a list of important numbers by the telephone, including parents' work and cell phone, the doctor's office and a neighbor or a nearby relative who can come over to help your children quickly if they need it.

#### Lock up

Before leaving the house in the morning, make sure all doors and windows, including those on the second floor, are locked. If you have a sliding back door, place a rod in the track to keep it securely closed.

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